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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Greg Wong, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

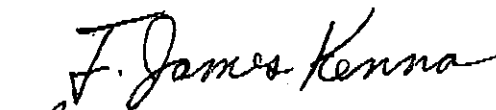
**SUBJECT: AMBAG 2000/01 - 2002/03 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENTS NO. 1**


We have completed our review of Amendment No. 1 to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) 2000/01 to 2002/03 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted with your letter dated February 9, 2001. The AMBAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2001-06 on October 10, 2000, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the state implementation plan (SIP) for air quality. This amendment modifies FTIP programming for transit, local highway, and state highway projects in San Benito and Monterey Counties. Projects added by this amendment are of the types listed in Tables 2 and 3 of 40 CFR Sections 93.126 and 93.127.

The changes to the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) proposed by AMBAG in this amendment were developed through a process in accord with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC Section 53. We have concluded that these program modifications are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Our planning and conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes approval for inclusion of the subject FTIP amendment into California's 2000/01 to 2002/03 FSTIP, with the understanding that Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

  
Leslie T. Rogers  
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Federal Transit Administration

  
for Michael G. Ritchie  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration